## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method for treating elevated serum triglycerides or hypertension comprising administering to a human subject with elevated serum triglycerides or hypertension an effective amount of pharmaceutical composition comprising a 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor, said effective amount being sufficient to reduce said elevated serum triglycerides or hypertension, wherein said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is not NDGA or curcumin.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein elevated serum triglycerides is treated.
  - 3. The method of claim 1, wherein hypertension is treated.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is an oral dosage form.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of an acetohydroxamic acid derivative, a phenyl pyrazoline derivative, a 2-(12-hydroxydodeca-5,10-diynyl)-3,5,6-trimethyl-1,4-benzoquinone derivative, and a 3-[1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-t-butyl-thio-5-isopropylindol-2-yl]-2,2-dimethyl propanoic acid derivative.
- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is an acetohydroxamic acid derivative
- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein said acetohydroxamic acid derivative is N-(3-phenoxycinnamyl)acetohydroxamic acid (BW 4AC).
- 8. The method of claim 5, wherein said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is a phenyl pyrazoline derivative.

- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said phenyl pyrazoline derivative is 4,5-dihydro-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-amine (BW 755c).
- 10. The method of claim 5, wherein said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is a 2-(12-hydroxydodeca-5,10-diynyl)-3,5,6-trimethyl-1,4-benzoquinone derivative.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said derivative is 2-(12-hydroxydodeca-5,10-diynyl)-3,5,6-trimethyl-1,4-benzoquinone (AA861).
- 12. The method of claim 5, wherein said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is a 3-[1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-t-butyl-thio-5-isopropylindol-2-yl]-2,2-dimethyl propanoic acid derivative.
- 13. The method of claim 12, wherein said derivative is 3-[1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-t-butyl-thio-5-isopropylindol-2-yl]-2,2-dimethyl propanoic acid (MK886).
- 14. The method of claim 1, wherein said effective amount of said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is between 0.1  $\mu$ g and 500 mg per kilogram of body weight.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said effective amount of said 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor is between 0.5 mg to 500 mg per kilogram of body weight.
- 16. The method according to claim 1, further comprising administering a second compound selected from the group consisting of anti-

diabetic compounds, lipid-lowering medications and anti-hyptertensive compounds.

17. The method according to claim 14, wherein the 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor and said second compound are administered concurrently.